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Agenda Item 3: Task List and Future Activities

WATRS PLUS IMPLEMENTATION TASK LIST

(Presented by the United States)

SUMMARY

This WP provides a detailed Task List for implementation of the WATRS Plus project on oceanic routes and areas in the WATRS Plus CTAs. The project provides plans for implementation of a route structure redesign and a reduced lateral separation standard of 50 NM between operators/aircraft authorized RNP 10 or RNP 4.

1. Discussion

1.1 The **Appendix** to this WP provides a list of tasks required of the U.S. WATRS Plus Task Force, ICAO Offices and Groups, States and Operators for the implementation of a route structure redesign and reduced separation in the WATRS Plus Control Areas. The implementation is scheduled for 5 June 2008.

1.2 The major sections of the task list are shown below:

- I. General Project Development & Management
- II. International Coordination: ICAO Groups & Documents
- III. Route Structure Redesign & Publication
- IV. Safety Analysis & Monitoring
- V. Air Traffic Control Tasks – General
- VI. Operations, Airworthiness & RNP Authorization
- VII. State Responsibilities for RNP Authorization
- VIII. Operator Responsibilities & Tasks
- IX. Final Implementation Decision & Notification
- X. Post-Implementation Tasks

2. Actions

2.1 The Group is invited to review the task list, suggest changes, as necessary, and endorse the work program for implementation of the WATRS Plus project.

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ID	DESCRIPTION (21 April 2007)	COMPLETE BY	STATUS	LEAD; COORDINATING ORG.
	I. GENERAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT			
1	Conduct analysis of traffic flows, flight level utilization, city pairs, operator and aircraft type populations	30-Apr-06	Complete	US WATRS Plus Task Force (WPTF)
2	Identify Target Airspace	30-Jun-06	Complete	US WPTF
3	Identify target Control Areas (CTA) and incorporate into doc revisions	30-Jun-06	Complete	US WPTF
4	Identify transition airspace and incorporate into doc revisions	31-May-07	Complete	US WPTF; NAT WG, CAR WG
5	Identify issues for adjoining airspace (e.g., route extension into airspace of adjoining ATS providers)	31-May-07		US WPTF; NAT WG, CAR WG
6	Identify Project Goals	30-Jun-06	Complete	FAA; NAT WG, CAR WG
7	Have significant percentage of operators obtain RNP 10 or RNP 4 authority from appropriate State authority	05-Jun-08		States; Operators, US WPTF
8	Accommodate operation of approx. 15% of flights conducted by Non-RNP 10 aircraft	05-Jun-08		US WPTF
10	Implement airspace route structure redesign to increase the number of routes and associated altitudes	05-Jun-08		US WPTF; ATS Providers
11	Reduce lateral separation between aircraft authorized RNP 10, RNP 4 or equivalent	05-Jun-08		US WPTF; NAT & CAR WG
12	Develop Concept of Operations Document	31-May-07	In progress	US WPTF; NAT & CAR WG
13	Assess Costs and Benefits	31-Ago-07		US WPTF
14	Complete initial assessment	30-Jun-06	Complete	US WPTF
15	Complete Cost/Benefit Analysis	31-Ago-07		US WPTF; NAT & CAR WG
16	Assess Feasibility	30-Sep-06		USWPTF; NAT& CAR WG
17	Confirm that 85% of flights are conducted by aircraft types capable of meeting RNP 10 standards without major modification	31-Ene-07	Complete	US WPTF
18	Develop schedule for Route Structure redesign and publication	30-Sep-06	Complete	US WPTF; NAT/CAR ATS Rts WG
19	Develop schedule for ATC automation system update or modification	30-Sep-06	Complete	US WPTF
20	Identify Key Target Dates	30-Sep-06	Complete	US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
21	Establish Information Dissemination Program	05-Jun-07		US WPTF
22	Establish WATRS+ Webpage	31-Dic-06	Complete	US WPTF
23	Schedule WATRS+ seminars, if necessary	30-Jun-06		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG, ICAO Offices
24	Establish distribution lists for State regulators and Industry organizations	30-Sep-06	Complete	US WPTF
25	Publish State letters through ICAO NACC and EUR/NAT Offices, as necessary	05-Mar-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG, ICAO offices
26	Notify States and Operators of key implementation dates and requirements	05-Jun-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
27	Publish 18-month Advance Notice	30-Nov-06	Complete	US WPTF
28	Publish Notice containing WATRS Plus specific operational policy/procedures	15-Jul-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG, ICAO Offices
29	Publish 3-month Notice confirming implementation date	10-Mar-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
30	Confirm ATS providers ready for implementation	05-Mar-08		US WPTF, State ATS Providers
31	Confirm Operators ready for implementation	05-Mar-08		US WPTF; State regulators; Operators
32	II. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION: ICAO GROUPS & DOCUMENTS			
33	Schedule NAT/CAR ATS Routes WG (see section III)	10-May-07		US WPTF; ICAO Offices
34	Provide input into appropriate CAR/SAM and NATSPG WGs	On-going		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG, ICAO Offices
35	CAR/SAM meetings (to be updated as meetings scheduled)			US WPTF, NACC Office
36	GREPECAS (15-20 April 07, Costa Rica)	20-Apr-07	Complete	US WPTF, NACC Office
37	NAT/CAR ATS Routes WG (8-10 May 07, Miami, Fla.)	10-May-07		US WPTF, NACC Office
38	Air Traffic Flow Mgt. Task Force/3 (ATFM/3) (18-22 June 07, Colombia)	15-Jun-07		US WPTF, NACC Office
39	CAR WG/1 (21-23 Jun 07, Trinidad/Tobago)	30-Jun-07		US WPTF, NACC Office
40	AP/ATM/13 (9-13 July 07, Lima)	13-Jul-07		US WPTF, NACC Office
41	C/CAR DCA/9 (9-13 July 07, Aruba)	13-Jul-07		US WPTF, NACC Office
42	GREPECAS (15-19 Oct 07, Dominican Republic)	19-Oct-07		US WPTF, NACC Office
43	E/CAR DCA/21 (3-7 Nov 07, British Virgin Islands)	07-Nov-07		US WPTF, NACC Office
44	NAT/CAR ATS Routes WG/3 (13-15 Nov 07, tbd)	15-Nov-07		US WPTF, NACC Office
45	NATSPG meetings (to be updated as meetings scheduled)			US WPTF, EUR/NAT Office

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46	NAT ATMG (19-23 Mar 07, FAA ATCSCC)	23-Mar-07	Complete	US WPTF, EUR/NAT Office
47	NAT SARSIG (11-13 April 07, Paris)	13-Apr-07	Complete	US WPTF, EUR/NAT Office
48	NAT Safety Management Coordination Group (16-20 April, Paris)	20-Apr-07	Complete	US WPTF, EUR/NAT Office
49	NAT IMG (24-27 Apr 07, Reykavik, Iceland)	27-Apr-07		US WPTF, EUR/NAT Office
50	NAT/CAR ATS Routes WG/2 (8-10 May 07, Miami, Fla.)	10-May-07		US WPTF, EUR/NAT Office
51	NAT Ops/Air WG (coordinate via email, etc.)	31-Mar-07	Complete	US WPTF, EUR/NAT Office
52	NATSPG (12-15 June 06, Paris)	15-Jun-07		US WPTF, EUR/NAT Office
53	NAT/CAR ATS Routes WG/3 (13-15 Nov 07)	15-Nov-07		US WPTF, EUR/NAT Office
54	Revise ICAO CAR and NAT Regional Supplementary Procedures	01-Apr-08		US WPTF, NAT/CAR WG, ICAO Offices
55	Develop initial draft Doc 7030	15-Feb-07	Complete	US WPTF
56	Have CAR and NAT working groups review draft	15-Apr-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG, ICAO Offices
57	Incorporate safety analysis document into Doc 7030 revision package	15-Jun-07		US WPTF; ICAO Offices
58	Forward draft to ICAO NACC (Mexico City Office)	18-Jun-07		US WPTF
59	ICAO NACC distribute Doc 7030 revisions for State and International organization comment	15-Sep-07		ICAO NACC Office; EUR/NAT Office
60	ICAO approve and publish CAR and NAT 7030 revisions	01-Apr-08		ICAO Hq; NACC Office; EUR/NAT Office
61	Revise CAR/SAM Air Navigation Plan (ANP)	01-Apr-08		US WPTF, NACC Office; CAR WG
62	Finalize route structure redesign chart	01-Ago-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR ATS Rts WG
63	Develop draft CAR/SAM ANP revision	01-Ago-07		US WPTF; NACC Office
64	Forward ANP draft to NACC Office	31-Ago-07		US WPTF
65	Coordinate ANP draft at Oct GREPECAS meeting	19-Oct-07		US WPTF; NACC Office
66	III. ROUTE STRUCTURE REDESIGN & PUBLICATION			
67	Convene NAT/CAR ATS Routes WG, as necessary to coordinate project with ATS providers adjoining airspace			US WPTF; EUR/NAT & NACC Offices
68	NAT/CAR ATS Routes WG/1 (Sept 2006)	19-Sep-06	Complete	US WPTF; NACC Office
69	NAT/CAR ATS Routes WG/2 (8-10 May 2007)	10-May-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG; ICAO Offices
70	NAT/CAR ATS Routes WG/3 (13-15 Nov 07)	13-Nov-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG, ICAO Offices
71	Confirm lateral separation standard to be applied	21-Sep-06	Complete	US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
72	Develop and distribute initial route structure redesign chart	19-Sep-06	Complete	US WPTF
73	Validate route & fix coordinates w/ U.S. National Aeronautical Charting Organization and National Data Flight Center	01-Jun-07		US WPTF
74	Name fixes and routes in accordance w/ ICAO policy	01-Jun-07		US WPTF
75	Complete ATC simulations, as necessary	3/Q 07		US WPTF
76	Submit draft CAR/SAM ANP revision to ICAO NACC	31-Ago-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR ATS Rts WG
77	Publish and distribute final route redesign charts and nav database information	10-Apr-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR ATS Rts WG
78	Finalize State government charts and nav database information	10-Apr-08		US WPTF; States, Industry
79	Distribute to industry aeronautical chart and nav database providers	10-Apr-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
80	ATS providers with adjoining airspace coordinate Letter of Agreement, as necessary	10-Apr-08		US WPTF; ATS providers
81	Implement redesigned WATRS Plus route structure	05-Jun-08		US WPTF; ATS providers
82	IV. SAFETY ANALYSIS & MONITORING			
83	Conduct studies to assess traffic flows and operator and aircraft operations in WATRS Plus CTAs	31-May-06	Complete	US WPTF; NAT/CAR ATS WG
84	Confirm acceptability of RNP 10 navigation standard with ICAO Separation and Airspace Safety Panel (SASP)	31-May-06	Complete	US WPTF; ICAO SASP
85	Establish WATRS Plus Scrutiny Group and convene, as necessary	01-Jun-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
86	Develop Safety Analysis document to attach to Doc 7030 submission	15-Jun-07		US WPTF
87	Develop plan for post-implementation monitoring	30-Sep-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
88	Conduct pre-implementation safety assessment	05-Mar-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
88	Start post-implementation monitoring	05-Jun-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
90	V. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TASKS - GENERAL			

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91	Modify ATC automation systems, as necessary	05-Mar-08		US WPTF; ATS providers
92	Confirm ICAO Flight Plan Equipment Suffix provisions are adequate	15-Jun-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG, Operators
93	Conduct Fast-time simulations to assess effect of added routes and associated flight levels and effect of Non-RNP 10 aircraft	31-Mar-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR ATS Rts WG
93a	Coordinate with Flight Service Stations and other appropriate ATS organizations	30-Jun-07		US WPTF; ATS providers
94	Conduct ATC automation system simulations (e.g., Ocean 21)	3 Q 07		US WPTF; New York Center
96	Revise Air Traffic policy orders, manuals, etc.	05-Mar-08		US WPTF; ATS providers
97	Establish plan for controller training to be conducted between 1 Apr - 1 Jun 08	15-Sep-07		US WPTF, ATS providers
98	VI. OPERATIONS, AIRWORTHINESS & RNP 10 (MINIMUM PERFORMANCE) AUTHORIZATION			
99	Provide WPs & IP's to appropriate CAR and NAT WG containing Ops/Air requirements	On-going		US WPTF
100	Establish WATRS Plus Webpage where current Operations and Airworthiness (Ops/Air) guidance can be posted	31-Dec-06	Complete	US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
101	Review ICAO RNP Manual (Doc 9613), Appendix E (RNP 10 Operational Approval Process) to identify Ops/Air criteria for RNP 10 authorization	30-Apr-06	Complete	US WPTF; State regulators
102	Incorporate ICAO Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Manual references into documents and presentations	01-Jun-07		US WPTF, NAT/CAR WG, ICAO Offices
103	Publish and distribute Advance Notice containing basic Ops/Air requirements	22-Nov	Complete	US WPTF
104	Develop US version of RNP 10 Authorization Job Aid and post on WATRS Plus Webpage for State consideration	05-Mar	Complete	US WPTF; ICAO Offices
105	Develop ICAO State letter for RNP 10 Authorization Job Aid	30-May-07		US WPTF; ICAO Offices
106	Update and re-distribute RNP 10 Job Aid/Checklist after publication of ICAO PBN Manual, if necessary	01-Jul-07		US WPTF; ICAO Offices
107	Provide general support to regulatory authorities in preparing inspectors for RNP 10 authorization tasks	15-Sep-07		US WPTF; State regulators
108	Coordinate w/ NATSPG Ops/Air Group and key CAR/SAM Ops/Air contacts	01-Apr-07		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
109	Track timely publication and distribution of aeronautical charts and nav database information	10-Apr-08		US WPTF
110	Track operator/aircraft fleet RNP 10 readiness	05-Mar-08		US WPTF; State regulators
111	VII. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RNP 10 (MINIMUM PERFORMANCE) AUTHORIZATION			
112	Review ICAO docs and/or State documents recommended by ICAO related to RNP 10 authorization	01-Jun-07		States
113	Consider using FAA Order 8400.12A (RNP 10 Operational Approval)	01-Jun-07		State regulators
114	Develop or revise State guidance and/or regulations, as necessary, for RNP 10 or RNP 4 authorization	01-Jun-07		State regulators
115	Establish State RNP 10 airworthiness requirements	01-Jun-07		State regulators
116	Establish operational policy/procedures requirements for RNP 10 authorization	01-Jun-07		State regulators; US WPTF
117	Prepare State inspectors to perform RNP 10 authorization tasks	01-Jun-07		State regulators
118	Review WATRS Plus Webpage periodically to remain current on WATRS Plus information	On-going		State regulators
119	Plan to authorize national operators for RNP 10 or better by 5 May 08, to extent possible	01-Jun-07		State regulators
120	VIII. OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES & TASKS			
121	Plan to obtain RNP 10 (minimum) or RNP 4 authorization by 5 May 08, to maximum extent possible	01-Jun-07		Operators
122	Coordinate w/ State regulatory authorities to determine requirements for RNP 10 (minimum) or RNP 4 authorization	01-Sep-07		Operators
123	Determine aircraft/Long Range Navigation System (LRNS) eligibility for RNP 10 (minimum) or RNP 4	01-Jun-07		Operators
124	Review WATRS Plus Webpage periodically to remain current on WATRS Plus plans and schedules and Ops/Air requirements	On-going		Operators
125	In accordance w/ regulatory authority guidance, submit docs supporting State authorization for RNP 10 or RNP 4	As required		Operators
126	Train pilots and, if applicable, dispatchers on WATRS Plus RNP 10/50 NM lateral separation policy/procedures	05-May-08		Operators
127	Develop and distribute operations manuals, pilot bulletins or other appropriate docs containing WATRS Plus policy/procedures	05-May-08		Operators
128	Maintain LRNS in accordance accepted maintenance practices	On-going		Operators
129	Take timely action w/ State authorities to address any track keeping errors or other events that could affect operational safety	On-going		Operators

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130	<i>IX. FINAL IMPLEMENTATION DECISION & NOTIFICATION</i>			
131	Target date for readiness review and decision to implement	05-Mar-08		US WPTF
132	Target date for publication of notice of implementation decision	10-Mar-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
133	Target date for operators to obtain RNP 10 (minimum) or RNP 4 authorization	05-May-08		Operators, State regulators
134	Target for implementaion of redesigned route structure and 50 NM lateral separation	05-Jun-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
135	<i>X. POST IMPLEMENTATION TASKS</i>			
136	Air Traffic, Flight Standards, and Safety Analysis organizations identify and rectify problems and inform WATRS Plus Task Force leads and appropriate organizations	On-going		US WPTF
137	Convene WATRS Plus Scrutiny Group to identify and rectify air traffic, operations or airworthiness problems	05-Jul-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
138	One-month post-implementation review	10-Jul-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
139	6-month review	05-Dic-08		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
140	12-month review and Safety Assesment	30-Jun-09		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG
140	Periodic review and safety assessment	On-going		US WPTF; NAT/CAR WG